(a) whether it is a fact that the Centra! Vigilance Commission has identified hundred of departments of various Ministries as areas of corruption;

(b) if so, the names of such departments;

(c) whether Government have so far taken any effective steps to make the functioning of these departments corruption-free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has not identified any Department of the Government as area of corruption.

(c) and (d)The Government is fully alive to ensure the corruption free functioning of the Government Departments. Polices in this regard have been formulated and constantly monitored for their effective implementation. Necessary modifications are also carried out from time to time in order to make them more effective and responsive to the needs of a changing environment. The Govemment has also set up Information and Facilitation Counters (IFCs) in various Ministries/Departments to provide information regarding procedures and schemes..ef concerned organizations to ensure greater transparency*and for eliminating corruption. Besides, the Secretary oMhe concerned Department, assisted by Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), is made responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in that Department.

Efforts by IAS officers to get posted abroad

987. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 21st June, 2002 and 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 2nd July, 2002 regarding efforts of IAS officers to get posted themselves in India Tourism offices abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA flAJE):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Given the highly competitive global tourism market and for enhancing the tourism potential of India, there is a need for selecting best and bright officers for posting overseas in tourist offices who can aggressively market the rich cultural, spiritual and natural tourism products of our country and.who can help brand Indian tourism products. In order to fulfil this need, the zone of consideration for selection of officers on overseas jobs has been enhanced by considering officers of all organised services having 2 years experience in tourism.

Committee to redress anomalies in the pay scales

988. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee formed to redress the grievances due to certain anomalies in the pay scales of the Central Govemment employees as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission is still functioning; and

(b) if so, the details of the grievances which could be noted and redressed till date, scale-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) National Anomaly Committee constituted under the Department of Personnel and Training has discussed all the 62 items of anomalies submitted by the Staff Side, National Council (JCM) and a final decision thereon has been taken. This Committee is not in existence now. Information in respect of Departmental Anomaly Committee is not centrally maintained.

State Human Development Report

989. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have brought out State Human Development Reports and others are in the process;